

REMARKS

Reconsideration of the application in view of the above amendments and following remarks is respectfully requested.

Status of the Claims

Claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are pending in the application.

Claims 1-8 and 10 are allowed.

Claims 12-19 stand rejected.

Claim 12 has been amended. No new matter is added.

Allowable Subject Matter

Applicants thank the Examiner for the indication that claims 12-19 include allowable subject matter. Claims 12-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, but would be allowable if amended to overcome the rejection.

Rejection Under 35 U.S.C. § 112

Claims 12-19 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite. The Examiner states that claim 12 recites that the support element can pivot “between a first position approximately parallel to the shaft” but that the support element is never at a position parallel to the shaft. The Examiner suggests that the support element can be coplanar to the shaft, but not parallel to it.

Applicants have amended claim 12 to recite the suggested language in order to further prosecution. The Amendment is made without prejudice.

CONCLUSION

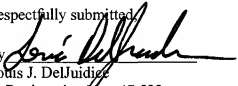
Each and every point raised in the Office Action dated December 27, 2007 has been addressed on the basis of the above amendments and remarks. In view of the foregoing it is believed that claims 1-8, 10 and 12-19 are in condition for allowance and it is respectfully requested that the application be reconsidered and the case passed to issue.

If there are any other issues remaining which the Examiner believes could be resolved through a Supplemental Response or an Examiner's Amendment, the Examiner is respectfully requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number indicated below.

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